

Year 4 General Studies

Mountains of the World

Mount Everest - Asia

Mount Everest, is a mountain on the crest of the Great Himalayas of southern Asia that lies on the border between Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region of China, at 27°59' N 86°56' E. Reaching an elevation of 29,035 feet (8,850 metres), Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world. In 1953 Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa mountaineer Tenzing Norgay became the first climbers confirmed to have reached the summit of Mount Everest.

Mount Kilimanjaro - Africa

Kilimanjaro, volcanic massif in north-eastern Tanzania, near the Kenya border. Its central cone, Kibo, rises to 5,895 metres and is the highest point in Africa. Kilimanjaro lies about 160 km east of the East African Rift System and about 225 km south of Nairobi, Kenya. It is the highest mountain in Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain in the world.

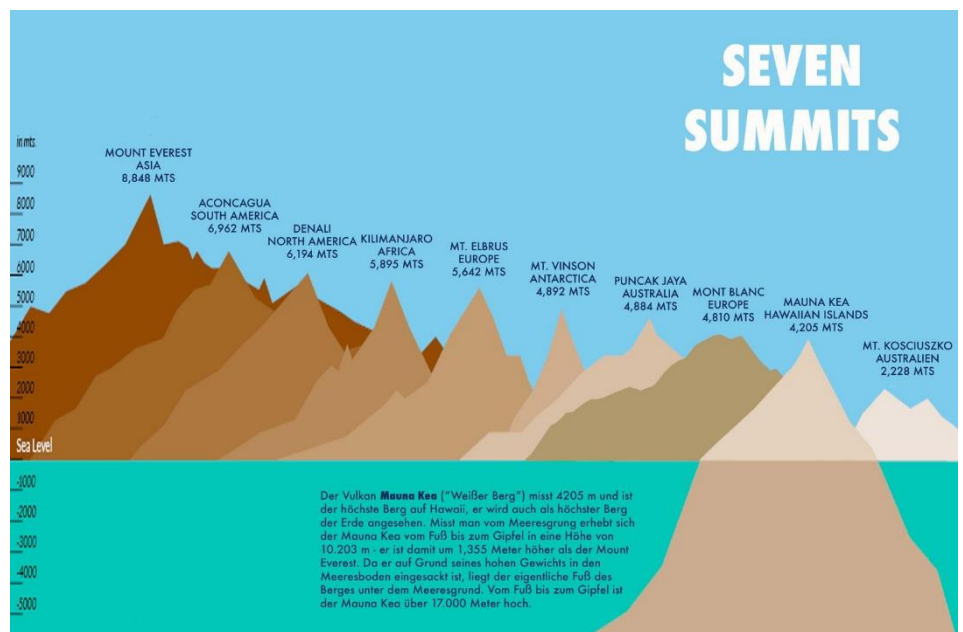
Mount Kosciuszko - Australia

Mount Kosciuszko is the tallest mountain peak in mainland Australia at 2,228 meters (7,310 feet) tall. It is located in the state of New South Wales, in the south-eastern part of the country. It is not technically Australia's largest peak, because a volcano (Mawson Peak) on the Australian-owned Heard Island off the coast of Antarctica is taller. While Mawson Peak is politically part of Australia, geographically it is considered to be "sub-Antarctica."

Mount Kosciuszko was named by Polish explorer Paul Strzelecki in 1840 after Polish cultural and political hero Tadeusz Kosciuszko.

Mauna Kea - North America

Mauna Kea, one of six volcanoes that have formed the island of Hawaii, is the tallest mountain on Earth at 9,966 meters. This is 1,116 meters taller than Mount Everest and roughly the same height in the atmosphere where commercial airplanes fly. With 4,205 meters above sea level, more than half of Mauna Kea's height falls below the surface of the ocean, with its base reaching 5,761 meters deep.



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Questions

1. Which famous mountain range does Mount Everest belong to?

2. What year did Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay summit Mount Everest? (Circle the answer)

- 1953

- 1983

- 2003

3. Mount Kosciuszko was named after a Polish cultural and political hero.

True / False

4. What is the technicality in claiming Mount Kosciuszko Australia's largest peak?

5. Why is Mauna Kea considered the tallest mountain in the world?

6. Name the highest single free-standing mountain in the world, and the country it is located in.

7. How much of Mauna Kea's height falls below the surface of the ocean?
